

THE PRESIDENT REBUKES MILES

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The public for the information of all citizens. When I said that I had no sympathy with those who had endeavored to destroy the reputation of a high officer who, like all other officers, regards his honor more sacred than life, I had in mind and referred to those assaults against which the subject had appealed for protection and justification, and certainly not to a subordinate branch of the government.

I request that this note be laid before the president, and have no objection to its being made public. Very respectfully,
Nelson A. Miles, Lieutenant General.

An Explanation Demanded.

The correspondence between Secretary Root and General Miles, which preceded the reprimand, is as follows:

War Department, Washington, Dec. 21, 1901.
Sir: By direction of the president I communicate to you his conclusions upon your course in the interview to which your attention was called by my letter of the 19th inst.

Your explanation of the public statement made by you is not satisfactory. You are in error if you suppose that you have the same right as any other citizen to express publicly an opinion regarding official questions pending in the course of military discipline. The established and invariable rules of official propriety, necessary to the effective discipline of the service, impose limitations upon the public expression of military officers, with which your long experience should have made you familiar. Your duty is to express your opinion on official matters when called upon by your official reports and recommendations, and not otherwise. The first article of the regulations governing the army of the United States provides:

"Deliberations or discussions among military officers, conveying praise or censure, or any mark of approbation, toward others in the military service, are prohibited."

This provision has been a part of the army regulations for at least half a century, and the highest obligation to observe it rests upon the officers whose high rank should make them examples to their subordinates. Any other rule of action in the military service would be subversive of discipline.

It would not be tolerated in a subaltern, and it will not be tolerated in any officer of whatever rank.

The present facts are that for several years there had been an unfortunate and bitter controversy in the navy department—a controversy generally deplored even by the participants as tending to bring the service into disrepute at home and abroad, and to destroy those relations of mutual confidence and friendship between naval officers which the interests of effective service require.

In this controversy the army had not been involved, and no far had been raised to that good feeling and friendly relation between all the officers of the navy and all the officers of the army which is essential to the successful and harmonious co-operation of the two services in preparation and in action. A court of inquiry had been held in the case of Rear Admiral Schley, and a report had been made in which one member of the court had dissented in some particulars from the majority, and the report was pending before the reviewing authority. At this point you, the lieutenant general of the army, saw fit to make a public expression of your opinion as to the propriety of the court of inquiry, and the minority of the court, accompanied by a criticism of the most severe character, which could not fail to be applied by the generality of readers to the naval officers against whose view your opinion was expressed.

It is of no consequence on whose side your opinion was, or what it was. You had no business in the controversy, and no right, holding the office which you did, to express any opinion. Your conduct was in violation of the regulation above cited, and of the rules of official propriety, and you are justly liable to censure, which I now express. Very respectfully,
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A Sensation in Both Services.

When the interview with General Miles appeared it attracted considerable attention officially, but after the lapse of two days without any sign of official action the conclusion became general that it would be ignored. Therefore, the publication this afternoon of the full correspondence created a sensation in army and naval circles. What the result will be cannot be forecast, although it is assumed that General Miles will submit without further comment.

The nearest parallel to this case of late years, excluding the incidents connected with the celebrated beef inquiry, was that of Rear Admiral Schley, who, Meade, who, upon returning from a cruise in Venezuelan water with the white squadron, gave an interview to the New York Tribune attacking the administration of President Cleveland for lack of vigor in dealing with the Venezuelan question. The outcome of that case was the early retirement of the rear admiral from active service.

That General Miles appreciates the situation is shown by the deep concern he manifested yesterday and his frequent visits to the office of Secretary Root. It was necessary for him to write two letters to meet the demands of the department, and even then there was no expression of satisfaction on the secretary's part at the second explanation. However, Secretary Root himself regards the incident as closed. At least, he does not propose to take any further action unless obliged to do so.

General Miles as at the secretary's door almost as soon as the office opened. He had a verbal explanation to make, and this he accompanied by a letter. Secretary Root took the letter to the white house and talked with President Roosevelt, with a view to deciding whether or not the explanation was satisfactory. When the secretary returned to the war department, General Miles called upon him again, and supplemented his first letter with a further explanatory note. This also was sent to the white house.

The fact that, simultaneously with the publication of the Miles correspondence, Secretary Root gave out a copy of Secretary Long's letter directing that Macley's resignation be requested, taken in connection with the publication of the final chapter of the Schley case, so far as it has figured before the navy department, is taken as an indication of the president's purpose to clear the official records of all pending issues in that matter. Secretary Root's publication of the Macley letter is explained by the fact that he left the white house some time after Secretary Long had been there, and thus was in a position to carry out the president's latest wish.

ROOSEVELT OUSTS MACLEY.

Directs Dismissal of Historian Who Accused Schley.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt has directed Secretary Long to dismiss Edgar Stanton Macley, who accused Admiral Schley of cowardice, and thus brought on the court of inquiry. Secretary Long, therefore, sent Rear Admiral Barker, commandant of the Navy Yard at New York, to ask Macley to send in his resignation. For some reason not explained Secretary of War Root was designated by the president to make public the request for the resignation. The dis-

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missal of Macley is directly the work of the president, though it would have been ordered in a few days by Secretary Long. Macley is on the rolls of the Department as a special laborer, and draws a salary of \$1.87 a day.

The friends of Admiral Schley are rejoicing that the chief cause of the court of inquiry has been discredited officially by the president and navy department.

THE VERDICT APPROVED

Secretary Long Ends the Schley Controversy So Far as Navy Department Is Concerned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Final action, so far as the navy department can make it final, was taken in settling the Schley controversy yesterday, when Secretary Long approved the findings of the full court of inquiry, and the opinions of the majority where those of Admiral Dewey differed, disapproving the latter's dictum regarding the command and credit of the battle, and deciding that there shall be no further proceedings. This effectively closes the affair under the naval regulations, which permit no official reopening of the case, and taken in connection with the rebuke issued to General Miles yesterday and the discharge of Edgar S. Macley from federal employ, is expected to remove, so far as possible, any grounds for keeping up discussion in the government service.

Secretary Long's action is regarded as above any criticism from those who were not well informed regarding the great concern which the administration felt over the movements of the Flying Squadron during the search for Cervera. The belief that the findings of the court as approved will eventually be vindicated in public opinion has gathered force rapidly in Washington last week, and there is general confidence here in military and political circles that the acute phase of the dispute is fairly on the wane.

Secretary Long's Statement.

Secretary Long's approval of the report was as follows:

The department has read the testimony in this case, the arguments of counsel at the trial, the court's findings at fact, opinion and recommendation, the individual memoranda of the presiding member, the statement of exceptions to the said findings and opinion by the applicant, the reply to said statement by the judge advocate of the court and his assistant, and the brief this day submitted by counsel for Rear Admiral Schley, traveling the presiding member's view as to who was in command at the battle of Santiago.

And, after careful consideration, the findings of fact and the opinion of the full court are approved.

As to the points on which the presiding member differs from the opinion of the majority of the court, the opinion of the majority is approved.

As to the further expression of his views by the same member with regard to the questions of command on the morning of July 3, 1898, and of

the title to credit for the ensuing victory, the conduct of the court in making no finding is approved—indeed, it could with propriety take no other course, evidence on these questions, during the hearing, having been confined by the court to the reports of the Schley controversy, and the latest football game, and turned directly to a column which told, as the headlines heralded, of "Another Burglary in an East End flat."

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The papers seemed full of the robbery. The second page had an interview with the chief of police, the third an editorial on the progress of crime, and the fifth blossomed forth with letters from "Veritas" and "Citizen" on the true duty of a gentleman towards a woman burglar whom he found robbing his home. This interested Maurice exceedingly. He was just meditating over the terms of a letter which would completely crush "Junius" and prove that the gentleman's duty to the lady was to hand her over to the police as quickly as possible, when the conductor shouted "Arch" and he had to get off the car. He was still considering the letter as he entered the apartment house where he and Buckley, his partner, had their rooms; and it occupied his mind completely as he rode up in the elevator. He was so abstracted that he didn't think it unusual when he found the outer door of the flat locked. He just took out his latch key and entered so quietly that he didn't disturb in the slightest a remarkably attractive young woman who was busy emptying the top drawer of Buckley's chest.

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The True Gentleman.

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"Well, I'm rather inexperienced," said the young lady, with a smile.

"Six in two weeks," said Maurice. "Excuse me, but what do they call experience in your line?"

"Oh, I didn't do all those others," replied the young woman "this is my first venture. I don't even know who the other one is. I just followed her general model. Thank you for the suggestion. Hereafter, when I rob I'll take care to find when the owner comes home."

"I'm afraid," Maurice said slowly, "that you won't have a chance for a time."

"You surely don't intend to call the police," said the burglar. "Isn't that 'The Evening Diary' you have there? Read Junius on the duty of a true gentleman."

"Yes, but I don't agree with him," answered Maurice. "I'm on 'Citizen's' side and I was just thinking, coming coming up in the elevator, that if I had my typewriter here I'd dictate a letter that would make 'Junius' cravish and lay 'Veritas' cold."

"Perhaps I'll do," suggested the burglar. "I'm a stenographer by profession and if you have a machine here I could do it easily. Regular rates of course."

"The very thing," answered Maurice, producing pencil and paper, "are you ready?"

"Go ahead," said the stenographic burglar. Maurice commenced the letter.

"Head it 'Bloomered Burglars' and start off like this: 'Junius, in his defence of that unprincipled female kleptomaniac:'"

"You're perfectly horrid!" interrupted the burglar, throwing down her pencil.

"Present company's always excepted. But I guess you might as well quit if you can't stand a little thing like that. You won't be able to write when I get to the good part. Why you ought to hear some of the things I thought of coming down in the car to call her. They'll make that female burglar's blood sizzle. The real one of course," he hastened to add, seeing signs of rising anger. "You said yourself you were only an imitator."

The young lady didn't seem to enjoy being called an imitator.

"Are you going to call the police, or are you not?" she asked sharply.

"Well, you know, as a gentleman—" "Then you do agree with 'Junius' after all?" The burglar seemed to think she had him there.

"No," he confessed boldly. "I'll be merciless to the female burglar in the abstract but somehow you're different."

"And yet," he continued, "I can hardly let you go and rob some other flat, you know. Oh! I have it. Our typewriter has left. Don't you think you could fill her place?"

"Perhaps," replied the burglar.

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he comes. How did you get in here, anyway?" "The escape," answered the burglar. "But there isn't any." "I mean from the balcony above." She was evidently in no hurry. "Well you'll have to go the same way. Don't forget to come to the office tomorrow. Here's the address. And before you go—"

"Stop," said the burglar. "Harry, you oughtn't to let him."

Maurice turned quickly and saw Buckley in the doorway, watching them with a broad smile.

"I'm glad you're so well acquainted

with my sister, Maurice," said that young gentleman. "I'm sorry I kept you waiting, Annie. Did you finish fixing those neckties?"

There is more than this, but it's all love and nonsense, which is out of place in a detective story.

—J. P. Sullivan in Georgetown College Journal.

Superfluous.

Maude—Do you know why 'Quid doesn't make any clothes? Claude—Suppose it's because he's such a warm body.—Smart Set.